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600 N. GAREY AVENUE
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4/1/54

Dear Kirby,

Thank you for your letter on
the retreats. I hope Delmonia may
come one of these times. We
are still trying to get our feet
off the ground, But it's been
a hopeful first year.

God Bless you.

Ray

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April 1, 1954

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Just a word of thanks to you for your suggestion a while ago that we try to work out a series of one-day institutes for Henry Crane. Dave and I have just been talking through the results of Crane's trip. It was an excellent series and Dave concludes that Crane really does our job in an excellent way. He seemed to enjoy the trip and we think that he will once and a while be ready to make a Service Committee tour of some kind. Thanks again to you.

Warmest regards to you and Alma. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

B. Tartt Bell,
Executive Secretary

BTB:mr

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

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RAY W. RAGSDALE, MINISTER

April 1, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P O Box 247
La Habra, California ,

Dear Kirby:

I am glad to know of your suggestions for Prayer Retreats. As you may know, I am to be the Superintendent of the Los Angeles District of the Methodist Church beginning July 1, and I hope to work out some kind of program of prayer retreats for the men of my District. I notice with much satisfaction that the Board of Evangelism of our Conference is using you as a prayer retreat leader.

After I get my feet on the ground in my new job, I will want to discuss some possibilities with you.

I am thankful to God for you and others like you who help to hold the world together in these days of division, discord, fears and hysterias. Blessings on you.

Sincerely,



Ray W. Ragsdale

RWR.mh

THE METHODIST CHURCH

THE LOS ANGELES AREA
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BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY

April 1, 1954


Dr. Kirby Page,
P. O. Box 247,
LA HABRA, California.

Dear Kirby Page:

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed prayer retreats. I shall certainly pass the word around to the men in this Area. You are doing a great thing for all of us. I regret that there has been no opportunity thus far for us to visit together.

Blessings on you always.

Sincerely,


Bishop Gerald Kennedy

GK:k

First Christian Church

301 NORTH GREENLEAF AVENUE

Whittier, California

RUSH M. DESKINS, MINISTER

April 1, 1954

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Mr. Kirby Page,
P.O.Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby:

For many weeks Mrs. Deskins and I have said time after time, "We must have Kirby and Alma out for dinner and have a spiritual feast together", but I have not been feeling too well again for some weeks. Consequently, my doctors have recommended an operation at once. My old trouble of stomach ulcers has flared up so I shall have the section involved removed. I go to the hospital this afternoon and covet your prayers for strength and fortitude as well as healing.

Your suggestion about prayer groups always strike a responsive note with me but, of course, I shall be unable to attend for some time.

With deep appreciation for your friendship and concern, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Rush M. Deskins

rmd/jc

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



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LONG BEACH 12, CALIFORNIA

April 1, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I deeply appreciate your including us in your note concerning prayer retreats. The Conference program on Evangelism has included a modest experiment along the line you mentioned at a Scout Camp near Glendora and I understand they are quite successful.

The plan you speak of seems a more intimate and profitable venture and I shall mention it to the next meeting of our Long Beach Methodist ministers. I know some of them will be interested.

Again, many thanks for remembering us. I hope all goes well with you and Mrs. Page.

Ever sincerely yours,

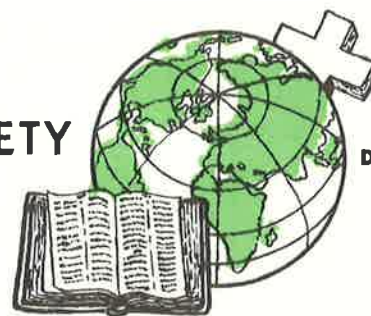
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April 1, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Mrs. Alec Langford showed me the new worship manual "Turning on God's Power" which you wrote for them this spring.

Since it was my suggestion that you were asked, I am so happy to know that you responded and that the material is as good as yours always is.

Thank you for it and may it be an inspiring service for the women of the Disciples of Christ across the nation.

Cordially yours,

Samuel F. Pugh

SFP:hfb

THIS IS OUR **YEAR OF EVANGELISM** 1953-54
LONG RANGE PROGRAM • DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

April 1, 1954

Dear Mr. Page,

Thank you very much for sending me your kind invitation as regards prayer groups. It is very much appreciated, and I will do what I can to spread the word and interest others in perhaps participating in your project.

M. David Riggs
161 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 70th St.
Los Angeles 3, California

Cordially,



M. David Riggs

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

April 2, 1954.

My dear Mr. Parrott:

At prayer retreats, a mimeographed outline is helpful, and I would appreciate your thoughtful comment on the enclosure.

Cordially,

Kirby Page

4-23-54

Sorry this got laid aside till after Easter.

For those who have some - even modest - experience in prayer searching, the outline seems fine. If it were for those who are novices - or perhaps just honestly curious - would these ideas have value?

1- While the potential in prayer is limitless, rather soon a sincere searcher can sense achievement as he learns to provide only a few favorable conditions within his soul. Since giants do not develop overnight, the beginner sincerely can be encouraged to start his own pilgrimage.

2- With the greatness of ideas involved in the outline, the new searcher ought to know that this is not an "intense campaign" but that he may soon find the way of "ready yielding" to God.

Sincerely - Jim Parrott

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES 41, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 2, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

I appreciate very much your letter of March 31. I will call it to the attention of our chaplain, Dr. H. C. Noble, and he will undoubtedly bring your memorandum and attachment to the attention of the Student Church committee and other groups on this campus.

I thank you very much for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur G. Coons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "C".

ARTHUR G. COONS
President

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GANSE LITTLE
MINISTER

April 2, 1954

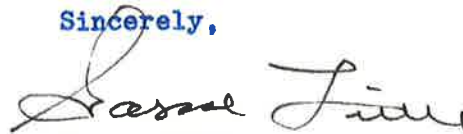
Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Thank you for your note of March 29th. I am glad to know that you are interested in providing the facilities of your home and your own leadership for prayer groups, student groups, and church officials as mentioned in your note. I will be happy to bear this in mind and to pass the news along.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ganse Little".

Ganse Little

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COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA

1420 West Balboa Blvd
April 2, 1954

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for your gracious letter, and I shall surely pass on the word to any group where I can.

My own schedule is so packed, that I am sure if the Lord himself were to visit our town I would be tied up in committees!

By any chance would you be available on Sunday morning, June 20th, (Conference Sunday) for pulpit supply Here? We have two services, a small early service at 9:45 and our full dress service at 11 a.m. What would be the expected honorarium or travel expense for this type of service?

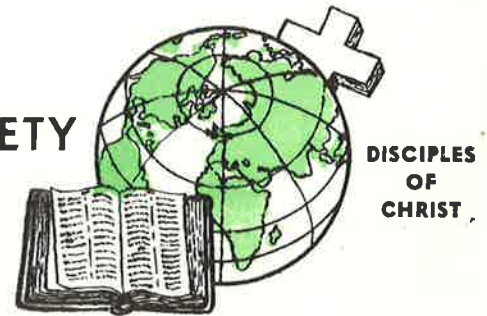
I have been hoping to secure you for Orange County Methodist Union for some time, but we are so overwhelmed with causes and programs, haven't been able to find an open evening yet.

Cordially

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Tom Pendley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

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April 2, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I'm embarrassed on several scores. First I discover by looking back over the correspondence which we have had with you that somehow we have not made plain yet what it is we are asking you to do and when! To begin with the dates of the Miami Convention are October 25 through 31, 1954. Most of our group will be staying at the DiLido Hotel. At your suggestion I am making the necessary reservations for you and your wife. You will no doubt receive notice of them in the not too far distant future.

Now about the program. I assume that by this time Gaines Cook has written to you about your convention address on Friday afternoon at 2:35 p.m. if this is not the hour which he mentions when he writes to you, no doubt, there has had to be some change in the convention program, of which we have not yet been informed. Incidentally, if you have not heard from him as yet, I would appreciate knowing it for I am certain he intended writing you before now. In the second place, we are hoping that you will be willing to speak to one of our DPF after-sessions, which begins ordinarily at 9:45 following the regular convention program. You would have approximately 45 minutes for your address on that evening and we would like some time for questions and discussion following it. We would want you to choose your own topic for this occasion but would hope that it might deal in some fashion with the churches and their responsibility to speak out more boldly for peace. It occurs to me that you might tie this into some sort of a review of the churches and world peace during the first 50 years of the twentieth century. When you have your topic selected let me know so that we may publicize it. Speaking of publicizing reminds me, if by any chance you have a mat or two I think we might be able to use them effectively for advance publicity. I cannot tell you as yet just what night during the week we would like for you to speak to the DPF after-group. My guess would be that it might be on Tuesday but until the program is shaped up a little more fully I can only indicate our desire to have you speak at one of the sessions.

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(Mr. Page)

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As Jim has already indicated we are looking forward to your being with us at our DPF dinner which will be held, as you by this time know, in your honor. Again the exact evening for this occasion has not been set. But I suspect that Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday will probably be the occasion.

The second source of my embarrassment comes from the fact that after asking you to be our guest of honor, I should have allowed it to slip by that you receive one of the letters telling of our plans and asking for help for the DPF. Somehow it did not occur to me when the letter went out to the addressograph department to check your name off the list. Perhaps it is just as well for certainly no list of folks in our brotherhood interested in peace, without your name on it, would be complete.

With all good wishes to you during this coming Easter season, I am,

As ever,



Barton Hunter

BH:512-g

P.S. as you will note from the enclosed receipt your registrations for hotel room and for the convention itself have now been made!

The Theological School

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
CANTON, NEW YORK

ROBERT B. TAPP
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

April 3, 1954

Dear Kirby:

Many thanks for the books that you sent us for our library several weeks ago. I have already had several of the students go to work on them and this is only the beginning.

The librarian discovered that the copy of Living Courageously had been all cut up. Maybe this is the copy that you ~~were~~ using in preparing speeches? In any event, is another copy available? And do you want this one returned?

Several of the students and faculty here have inquired about your various devotional anthologies. Which ones are still available and what are the prices? Should they order them directly from you? I would appreciate receiving any pamphlets that you are now working on.

I can never fully tell you all that getting some chance to know you has meant to me. Your combination of scholarship, ethical sensitivity, political "rightness", and practical living will always be an inspiration and I only hope that I can communicate something of these possibilities to the students and ministers that I encounter. Keep it up!

Bob Tapp

706 William St.
River Forest, Ill.
April 3, 1954

Dear Kirby Page,

You have been in
my mind for some time recently.
I read a lovely article in the
"Progressive" by Milton Meyer.

Perhaps you may not remember
me over the many years when I
introduced you to the 19th Century Club
of Oak Park.

I am very old now. I shall be
89 years old in August. Are you
still alive? And did you really
strike oil on your small "estate".

I cherish your memory.
If it is possible please reply in
the enclosed envelope.

Very sincerely
Florence Grant
(Mrs. David Grant)
formerly of Oak Park.

4-3-54

Dear Kirby + Alina -

Many thanks for
assisting - I know that
it will help Mother and
it brings back wonderful
memories of Dad - he
loved you both so much -

Paul

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April 3rd 1954

Dr . Kirby Page
La Habra
California

My dear Kirby :

Thanks for your kind
note of the 31st ult .

What a gracious gesture
on your part to open your home for those
who are really concerned about things
which matter .

I shall try and see if
I can get some of my more interested
folks to come over . Failing this
we simply must have you for some meetings.

You always have been one of
my idols, and assure it is not idle worship
either .

With warmest of personal
regards .

Faithfully as ever ,


Ralph W. Lee



"The Cathedral of the Foothills"

April 5

Dear Kirby:

Your outline for a prayer
retreat sounds very good to me. But then,
your material always does.

Best wishes,

Max Chamberlin

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT


April 5, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for the information about Prayer Conferences. I shall pass this along to our University pastor who in turn will get in touch with you if groups wish to use your hospitality.

Sincerely yours,


George H. Armacost
President

GHA/f

1907 Escarp Drive

Los Angeles 41

4. 5. 54

Dear Kirby,

I am sorry to have delayed answering you. Our Miss Howard broke a bone in her foot last week and has it in a cast, so I have been very busy, taking care of her and doing her work.

Also, although I've talked several times with Elizabeth, I've had no chance to talk with Allan and she says she, too, has been unable to settle on a time with him because he has been so pre-occupied. However I shall see him at a meeting tomorrow evening and I can find out then whether he will have any time before Easter.

Allan has looked very tired to me, which is understandable. I wish so much that he would deliberately take time off between Easter and

going East, even if only to write.
Yet he, ^{better than anyone,} could help you with suggestions
as to people who might participate
in retreats, because of the work
he has just been doing. I have been
trying to think of a way to get his advice without adding to his
Elizabeth hoped that you and ^{to his} ~~care~~

Alma might come in over more
to breakfast but she hadn't found
a time yet when Allan was free.

It seems to us that this may
be a moment to catch - when people
are more widely stirred by the H-
bomb than by any event since
Hiroshima, perhaps, - to do something
through the churches. Our meeting
tomorrow evening is to discuss what
we can do, beginning in our small
Social Action Committee.

You will hear from me, soon.
Sincerely,

Helen.

THE CHURCH FEDERATION OF LOS ANGELES

3330 WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD

LOS ANGELES 18

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 5, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California


Dear Dr. Page:

Thank you most kindly for your note of March 29 enclosing announcements of the very wonderful opportunity for our ministers to share in your prayer retreats.

I shall be pleased to convey this invitation to the various ministerial associations in the city, and I shall ask each one of them to make direct contact with you.

With warm personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,


(The Rev.) Forrest Cleburne Weir, Ph.D.
Executive Director

FCW:wc

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April 20

April 5, 1954

Dear Dr. Page

I am deeply interested in having
a one-day Prayer Retreat here at
Vermont Square.

At the present time a very wonderful
group of 9 or 10 meet every Tuesday
at 9:00 AM for an hour's prayer &
meditation time & we are reaping
rewards from it through all the Church.

I would like to let this group be
the sponsor & nucleus of an all-day
Prayer Retreat on a Tuesday beginning
at their 9:00 or 9:30^{or 11} hour, preferably
April 20 or May 4^{or 11}, perhaps closing
with an evening meeting of some kind
which our men could better attend.

Suggestions would be welcome.

My heartfelt thanks for your
leadership & life,

Cordially,

Clark Robbins

The Methodist Church

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April 5, 1954

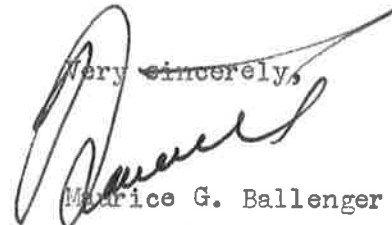
Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby,

I appreciate your note regarding the prayer retreats. I know they are doing a lot of good..I would love to be present but at this time of year my schedule calls for some church annual meeting every day. It will keep me busy until in June.

My prayers are with you.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maurice', written over the typed name 'Maurice G. Ballenger'.

Maurice G. Ballenger

MGB:b

Chapman College

766 North Vermont Avenue
LOS ANGELES 29, CALIF.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 5, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page,
P. O. Box 247,
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I so appreciated your note of March 29th, telling about the prayer groups and prayer retreats, that you are having. I am so interested in this work. I have earnestly longed for the time when I might be in a position to set aside a number of years of my life to the launching and conducting of a real "Prayer Laboratory". The idea to be to turn honestly and frankly to a spiritually motivated but strictly scientific approach to the problems, conditions, spiritual background for an answer to prayer.

Thank you so much for letting me know about it. I will pass the word along about these prayer retreats that you are having, wherever I have the opportunity.

Yours in His name,



George W. Reeves
President

GNR:df

American Friends Service Committee

CENTRAL OFFICE



FOR GERMANY

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April 5, 1954

Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby Page,

thank you very much for sending us your series of radio speeches. They have been very useful at our retreat.

Sincerely,

Ruth Dross
(Ruth Dross)

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UNIVERSITY CHURCH - METHODIST

LOS ANGELES 7, CALIFORNIA

REV. FRANK CRANE,
WENDELL L. MILLER, D.D.
MINISTER

April 6, 1954

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Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

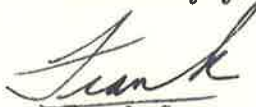
Dear Kirby Page:

Thank you so very much for your recent communications. I apologize for not having replied to them sooner than this late date but since I have just moved into this church and since things have been going at a pretty rapid pace, my correspondence has lagged sadly.

I am very interested in the retreats that you have described in your letter of March 29 and I will be glad to pass the word along concerning them and to possibly make arrangements to establish such a retreat; however, I will let you know more definitely when and if this materializes.

Thank you again for your letters and I am looking forward to seeing you when you are in the Los Angeles area again.

Sincerely yours


Frank Crane

c-p

P. S.

The outline that you have enclosed in your letter of April 2d is one of intense interest to me and I think would mean a great deal to persons participating in the retreat. Certainly the matter of how to pray is one of the most important things that we face in our time. I look forward in participating in one of these retreats some time in the future. Thank you again for your consideration.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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3518 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 7

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 6, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

It has been a pleasure to receive two letters from you recently. I shall answer them together herewith.

First concerning your documents, particularly the correspondence and the files of The World Tomorrow and your various books, let me say that these are surely important sources which ought to be used in a constructive way by one or more students. It is good of you to be willing to place them at our disposal. I do not know whether you would prefer to send them in now to the University or whether you prefer to keep them at home for a time longer until you have finished your autobiography and similar studies. Please tell me your desire.

We do not have at the moment any properly qualified graduate student who does not already have a topic assigned. But one might turn up at almost any time, especially after Dr. Harvey Seifert, who would be the best chairman for such a study, returns from Honolulu, where he is teaching during the present semester.

You probably know that we are hoping ultimately and before too long to have our own new religion library in a special fireproof building to be constructed on a lot adjoining University Methodist Church. This library would be well fitted for keeping your documents. Until then there might be less satisfactory quarters. Perhaps some time when you are in Los Angeles you can come out and talk things over with me and with our Religion Librarian, Mr. Elton Shell.

Surely I think your autobiography should be so important now that any work about you by others will come better after you have made your own statement. But I think in the long run there should be at least one analysis by someone else concerning you and some of the numerous interests to which you have contributed so much.

April 6, 1954

As to the second matter concerning a retreat at your home, we surely want to avail ourselves of that as soon as we possibly can. Our Spring Program is already so thoroughly planned, I do not see any chance of coming until the new term opens some time in the fall. I am thinking especially of our faculty group which now numbers something like fifteen persons who could profitably spend a day in your lovely retreat. You and I are long overdue for a chance to talk things over. We can raise this question when we see each other.

We are more grateful than we can say for your proposals in respect to both of these matters.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl".

Earl Cranston
Dean

EC/mk

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LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA
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April 6, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

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Dear Dr. Page:

Just a note to acknowledge your letter and to state that May 22 is fine. We will count on it definitely and in due time will let you know about how many will be in our group. We appreciate this opportunity very much.

I have gone over the suggestions which you have made for a prayer retreat and it seems to me that they are excellent. I suspect that with a college group of young people it will be necessary for you to give a little more leadership than you would with a more mature group. However, the group which we plan to bring will be serious-minded and we should have a profitable time together.

Sincerely yours,

Galen B. Ogden
GALEN B. OGDEN

GBO:ZRB

First Baptist Church

GLENDOKS AT FAIRMOUNT ROAD

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Burbank, California

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Minister

DALE H. GOODRICH
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April 7, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page,
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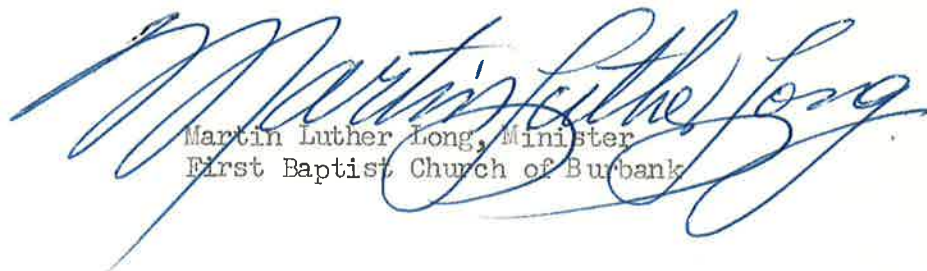
Dear Dr. Page:

Thank you for your letter of March 31st. I regret exceedingly that the heavy responsibilities here at the Church makes it impossible for me to accept your kind invitation to the Prayer Retreats.

Will be looking forward to seeing you next month at The Rauschenbusch Fellowship in Redlands.

In the meantime, God's best to you, yours and your great ministry. Always

Yours in the bonds of Christian Service,


Martin Luther Long, Minister
First Baptist Church of Burbank

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Grace Methodist Church

2711 EIGHTH STREET RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
ROBERT B. WEIRBACH, MINISTER

April 7, 1954

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for your recent letter containing suggestions for prayer fellowships. I will pass this idea along, and I will bring it up with some of the folks in our church and see if we can work it out for some of our groups.

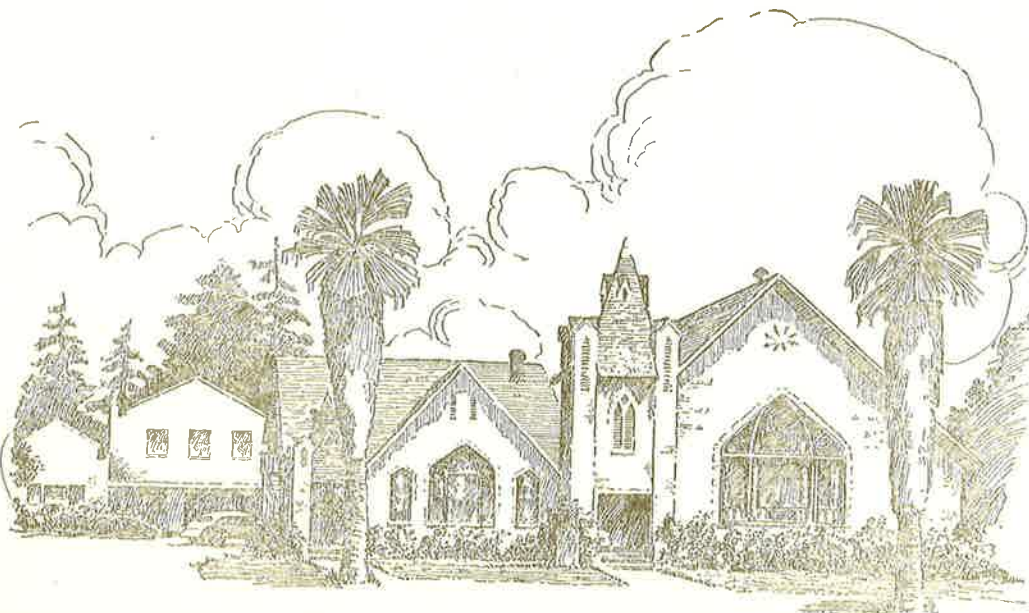
I have been talking with our Social Action group about the possibility of using you again sometime this fall. Do you plan to be in Southern California then? We have no definite plans as yet, but will probably be working on our program soon.

Best wishes to you and your work.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Weirbach



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April 7, 1954

Rev. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Friend:

I appreciate the notice and invitation for prayer retreats. I hope that many ministers and other groups will avail themselves of this opportunity for ~~things~~ stimulus and spiritual renewal.

I am no longer in pastoral work, having accepted a position to come on the administrative staff of Presbytery February 1. At the present time I am working in the field of National Missions and New Church Development, giving considerable time to the total administrative program in the San Diego area, in addition to the specialized responsibilities in the Los Angeles area. I shall miss the opportunities for fellowship with pastors and retreats and such things as you speak of, in this new field of service. However, it is very, very challenging and there are great opportunities to advance the kingdom.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Shattuck

Associate Director of Missions

RBS:mlb

DR. HUGH A. MORAN
661 WAVERLEY STREET
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

April 7th., 1954.

Dear Kirby:

You have probably given out the expectation of hearing from me; but life has been a good deal of a rat race since our return from an absence from home of ten months. Moreover I have slowed down a good deal, have trouble with my eyes, and do not have a secretary.

Two incidents occur to me concerning Sherwood, which may serve to illustrate his character and career, and the details of which may not otherwise have reached you. The first was in Hankow, China, very shortly after the revolution of October, 1911, which started there, and which ended Manchu rule and the Chinese Empire. Li Yuen Hung, a simple, kindly and honest man, was governor of the Liang Hu Provinces (Hu Peh and Hu Nan) at Wu Chang across the river and general in command of the army. When the lid blew off general Li started to flee to the back country, as the axe man usually took a prominent part in successful Chinese revolutions. But such was the regard in which the troops held him and the affection of the people for him, that they caught him a few miles out, brought him back, and made him head of the new government.

There was turmoil for a few days, Manchus who could be caught were beheaded, and then strict martial law was declared. No meetings or public gatherings of any sort were allowed, and order was restored. This condition lasted for several months. Meanwhile I set about founding the Wu-Han Metropolitan Y.M.C.A., in association with The Rev. Hu Ho-Tsai in Hankow, and Harris Masterson in Wu Chang. At this juncture it was announced that Sherwood Eddy would be coming through and would devote a week to holding public meetings for students of the colleges in Wu Chang.

The ban against meetings was still on. The situation was tense, and nothing had been settled as yet regarding the national government in Peking. It seemed out of the question to consider holding the proposed student meetings; but on the off chance, we put in the request to General Li. Not only did he immediately grant the desired permission, he did so with enthusiasm and offered the use of a large public hall on the main street of the city. The meetings were held with overflowing audiences from the twenty-two nearby colleges. Large numbers of students signed up to study the doctrine, - the first time so far as I know that such a thing happened in the government colleges in Central China. The dramatic quality of the of Sherwood's visit is shown by the order of General Li that 300 soldiers be quartered in the adjoining building; otherwise he would not have dared allow any student gatherings to be held.

The other incident occurred in Ithaca in 1925, when Sherwood was holding a series of meetings for Cornell students in old Barnes Hall. He was quartered in Sage College - the big girls' dormitory across the way in what was known as the Prophet's Chamber. The Kent Fellowships had been recently founded, and as he and I chatted together in his room after the evening meeting, I told him I had

accepted an appointment and was taking a Sabbatic leave, - an unheard of luxury at that time for university pastors. Sherwood stopped, looked thoughtfully into space for a moment, and said, "Why shouldn't I have a Sabbatic leave?" We discussed the matter for some time, and when we parted he had pretty much made up his mind to try it.

The following September I took up residence in the dormitory at Union Seminary in an inside room, facing on the quadrangle one flight up, and Sherwood almost next door. I was registered for my doctorate, taking numerous required courses. Not Sherwood. He organized his own seminars. He wasn't taking handouts from any body. One met on Monday evenings in the seminary and was a round table discussion of the fundamentals of religion - I still have a lot of notes somewhere of those discussions. It was attended by a dozen or more of the top brains on both sides of the street. Among those whom I recall off hand were George Coe, William H. Kilpatrick (a professed atheist, but one of the most fair minded, square shooters I ever knew), Goodwin Watson, Hugh Hartshorne, Sonny Elliott, Sherwood and myself.

The discussions were the most stimulating I have ever attended. They reminded me constantly of Plato's Dialogues of Socrates and really ought to have been edited and published as an outstanding expression of the religious questions of the times.

The other series met at various times and places by agreement, approximately weekly, and usually in the afternoon. John Watson, the behaviorist, was riding high in those times; and I remember particularly a mighty argument we had in his office one afternoon. Watson held that the infant mind was a tabula rasa and that there was nothing to heredity. My people used to raise fancy horses down in Kentucky and I waded into him on the price of blooded stock and certain associated characteristics, such as a gray streak in the tail and winning horse races, while Sherwood as chairman tried to keep the peace.

For some time Sherwood and I used to have breakfast together in my room. Cooking in the dormitory was prohibited; but the provision that one could boil water was liberally interpreted. We had coffee, toast, eggs, and on occasion Kentucky sausage and waffles. Over these pleasant aromas and an extra cup we would discuss the discussions and realign our thoughts. But I noticed that Sherwood was taking on more and more speaking engagements. Finally the afternoon seminars ceased. He stuck by the Monday night discussions doggedly through the Autumn term; but after Christmas he was off again in full flight, with a solid program of speaking engagements.

Trusting that you still may be able to make some use of these pleasant memories, I am, with all good wishes, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

Hugh
Hugh A. Moran.

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Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habre,
California.

Dear Kirby:

We have a very excellent tentative schedule set up for you in Colorado next September. As it is now, we will be in Durango on Sunday night, September 26th, in Montrose Monday the 27th, Grant Junction Tuesday the 28th, Glenwood Springs Wednesday the 29th and Denver on Thursday the 30th. The Denver meeting will be at the Parish House of the Episcopal Church. Dean Paul Roberts is very much interested.

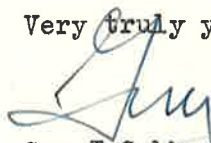
This will give you Friday, Saturday and Sunday to get to Ohio without any appointments enroute. We tried to get you as far along the way as possible by Friday night, October 1st and we thought it better not to set up any schedule for you on that day.

It is probable that either Lloyd Spaulding or I will be with you on the trip from Durango to Denver. Where will you be on Saturday, September 25th? We presume, somewhere around Santa Fe or Albuquerque.

It happens that I am to be the "resource person" for a student retreat this week-end and I am making full use of your books, "Living Creatively", "Living Triumphantly" and "Living Joyfully". I find that after thirty years, this is "still good stuff". We hope your "oil well" doesn't make you "high hat".

Looking forward with great anticipation to your coming, I remain

Very truly yours,



Guy T. Gebhardt
Interpretation and Finance

GTG:mi

Dear Kirby: I am very much interested
in your new plan & outline - & feel it
is something we all want & need very
deeply - I'm in the process of discussing
it somewhat hereafter by times as my
family is in the throes of chicken pox,
including my daughter in law & I'm trying
to give them what help I can - I'll
write you more soon - Diana

Anchorage 4/8/54
10402 Crescent

My dear Kirby Tried
yesterday to find your
place but of course
couldn't. Please sketch
for me a map & when
you are probably at home
I go to LA tomorrow
but expect to be here
again about the
middle of next week
& would like to try again
to find you, & get a look at
your mountains & that
charming golf course I
glimpsed on the way
home
appreciatively.
Robbie

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April 8, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

It has been quite some time ago since I received your letter. I note you are still continuing the work in which you have been engaged for so many years, and I trust your health and also that of Mrs. Page may continue so that you can keep up the pace for many more years.

You will find my usual contribution enclosed covering your work.

Yours very truly,

H. C. Price

H.C.Price:rl
Enc.

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APRIL 8, 1954

DR. KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

DEAR KIRBY:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOTES. I THINK I MUST DEFER THE
PRAYER RETREAT UNTIL FALL.

YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT ALLAN HUNTER IS
GOING TO BE WITH US DURING HOLY WEEK. WE ARE DOING
EVERYTHING WE CAN TO DEEPEN THE PRAYER LIFE OF THE
CHURCH.

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH TO YOU.

CORDIALLY,

K. MORGAN EDWARDS

KME O

The Artesia Methodist Church

PIONEER BLVD. AT 183RD ST.
ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA

STUDY: TORREY 5-2296

April 8, 1954

CLARENCE E. MILLER
MINISTER
17913 ARLINE AVE.
RES.: TORREY 5-3758

Dr. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, California

May 23

2:30

Dear Kirby:

We appreciate so much your offer to hold a prayer retreat for us. I think that it would be a real treat for our folks to go to your place in La Habra. I was there once with a group of minister and I remember that it was lovely. Then, too, going away from the church for a retreat I think is more effective. I am sure that we can get at least 20 and perhaps more. I can promote it in some of the other churches in this sub-district. I am sub-district director of evangelism and this would be a good project. If it would be easier for you we could bring a sack lunch for the evening, or if you think it more effective to all eat together, we would be glad to share in the cost of a simple supper prepare there.

So save the date for us and we will look foreward to being with you on May 23. I am wondering if 2:30 p. m. instead of 2 oclock would be all right with you? I am afraid it would rush us to get home after church and eat and get over to your place by 2 oclock. And another thing, would it be o.k. for some of the ministers who have obligations in the evening to come just for the afternoon. I would not encourage the laymen to do that, but it might work out all right for the ministers.

I will start working on it and will expect to hear from you again concerning details. Thanks again.

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence
Clarence. E. Miller

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4/9/54

Dear Kirby,

Just a note to acknowledge the essay about
retreats and their value, and to say that we shall
plan to publish this in an early issue.

Yours always,



Phillips Elliott

PASADENA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
585 EAST COLORADO STREET
PASADENA 1, CALIFORNIA

GANSE LITTLE
MINISTER

April 9, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I certainly am not in a position either to add or to detract from the excellent outline proposed by you as a possible aid for use in connection with the prayer retreats you hope to set up from time to time in your own home. Actually I am sure you are much more conversant with the technique that is effective in this kind of experience than am I. We have done some things which we have found helpful with groups of our own men from time to time, and I will be able to make use of some of the ideas in your own outline.

Thank you for sending it to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ganse Little".

Ganse Little

GL:1

725 Sunrise

April 9, 1954

Dr

Dear Kirby Page,

Thank you so much.
for your copies of "The Light is
Still Shining in the Darkness." I
used the service on "The Persons We
Could Be" for the Whittemore College
Women's Auxilliary, and received
so many words of appreciation
for the helpful thoughts in it. I've
been asked to use it again in
May for the Christian Women's
Fellowship in our church.

I'm giving the extra copy to
the Youth Director at our church
for the young people to use in
their Sunday night programs.
The book is just full of

wonderful suggestions, and each
service is planned so effectively.
I certainly appreciate your
sending them to me, and feel
very honored to be a friend
of the author.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Beth Tunison

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And RANJIT AARON
C/o MR. H. C. HERMAN

5643. 36th Ave. S.W.

SEATTLE. 6 (Wash)

11th April 54

Dear Dr. Page, You may not remember us, but we had the privilege of being with you at Lake Geneva (Swiss) the summers of 1927 & 28, when we were students in this country. Perhaps you will remember, we were in touch with you last October when we wrote to you from Mr. Henry W. White's home in Indianapolis, giving you some incidents from Dr. Sherwood Eddy's life in India.

We both have been serving the Y. M. C. A. in India mostly among university students and during the last 23 years of our life we were lent to the University of Glasgow Scotland to work among the foreign students at that university. We retired 2 years ago

and as we both feel still strong
& vigorous enough to work, we
undertook to come to U.S.A.
& Canada at the invitation of
our many friends here to do
some interpretation work in these
very difficult & dangerous days.

During next summer
& Autumn we have been invited
to go to Britain & the Continent
of Europe to speak at Conferences
and seminars & if possible we
would like to come & spend
next winter & spring at Pendle
Hill Pennsylvania or any other
institution like that in Whittier or
other Friends Centre both for our
own refreshment & study as well
as to be of service in interpretation
in schools & colleges. Prof. Jerry Patton
of Whittier College had us for a day or
two last month. Unfortunately we didn't
have the time to come & see you.
— we shall be grateful to have
your guidance & suggestions. Yours Cordially
with our respectful regards affectionately
RANJI
Aron

TO THE TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE FUKURYU MARU (LUCKY
DRAGON) ON WHOM RADIOACTIVE ASH FELL:

The calamity which suddenly overtook you is a reminder of the monstrous threat of atomic war which has now been let loose upon the earth and exposes all men to destruction .

It is with sorrow and shame that we confess that our own nation bears a large share of responsibility for this. It was the U. S. government which by a unilateral decision dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. By a similar decision it proceeded to make H-bombs and to perform the recent tests with their appalling results. It seeks to induce your own country to rearm in violation of your Constitution.

Other nations, alas, follow the same path of war preparation and war.

We of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, in obedience to deep religious convictions, have renounced participation in war. We shall not cease to call upon our fellow-citizens and government to do so. It is our hope that the calamity which overtook you may strengthen in the Japanese people the determination non-violently to resist rearmament and the consequent violation of their Constitution, and that all the peoples may join in thus renouncing war.

In this way they can best express sorrow for the suffering which has befallen you and show that in this hour of dread and terror they are determined to seek ^a better way which leads to world-wide peace and brotherhood.

The Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Reconciliation

John Oliver Nelson, Chairman
John M. Swomley, Jr., Secretary

April 12, 1954

706 William St.
River Forest, Illinois
April 12, 1954

Milton Mayer.

Dear Sir,

I clipped out your
tribute to Kirby Page in a recent
"Progressive" and still have it.
I wrote to Mr. Page right away
as I knew him long ago and
often met him at lectures.

I know he moved to Whittier.
I hesitate to bother ^{you} a busy man.
Can you help me out by sending
a reply to me in the enclosed envel-
ope or mail my enclosed letter to
Kirby Page in the envelope?
Or, put it all in the waste basket!!
I am not crazy. I am just old!

Yours very sincerely,
Florence L. Grant
(Mrs David Grant)

P.S. My letter was returned to me from Whittier for lack of
address.

7.4.5.

Dear Hal,

As Milton is in the
East for a month -
could you please
forward the lady's
letter enclosed to

Nirby Page - I don't
know his address
but figured you or
someone in the Pasadena
office would -

Thanks - and
love to the H's Jane

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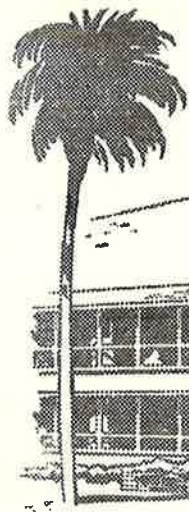
Dear Dr. Page,

Thank you very much for thinking about us with this good article. Right now I can't tell what the prospects will be and when it may appear because we are flooded with preparatory materials leading up to our General Assembly. I do want to carry it however when I can.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

ANB/dk



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April 13, 1954

Dear Kirby /

Our Older Youth group
want to avail themselves of
the opportunity of a day of
prayer at your home time
to be decided

Thanks for letting me
know

Norman Taylor

THE CHRISTIAN-EVANGELIST
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Dear Mr. Page:

Your manuscript entitled "Prayer Retreats Are Power Houses" has been received and called to the attention of the editor. As soon as it is reviewed you will be receiving word regarding it.

Very truly yours,

L. Kraus
L. Kraus, Secretary

Olivia W. Davis

1058 Cypress Way

San Diego 3, California

4-14-59

Dear Kirby: We're so glad you can be
with us for Saturday the 24th June 10 - 4 -
We'll meet at Gretchen Tutthills in Carlsbad
I'll ask her to send you directions - she is
difficult to find - The four groups who are particularly
interested in meditation will perhaps two or three
minutes who are interested will be there - I was
thinking we'd like to thumbline + pray some of the meaning
+ purpose a use of these groups at this time - in the
background of our times - W. H. H. H.

To: Kirby Page from Bob Vogel

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April 14, 1954

American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 966M
Pasadena 20, California

Dear Friends:

Our church in Pacoima has during the past two years conducted a "Life and Religion" lecture series as part of our adult education service in the community. Enclosed are brochures which we have used in advertising the series.

We are now making up our program for the coming year and in view of the extremely dangerous tensions now existing propose that at least one of the meetings be devoted to the subject of War or Peace. We are wondering whether through you we could arrange to have such a speaker as Kirby Page. Unfortunately we do not have a fund with which to remunerate our speakers. We can undertake only to cover their transportation, i.e., we send each speaker a \$5.00 fee to cover that.

If Mr. Page should not be available under these conditions perhaps you could suggest an alternate speaker. Some of us are aware and more should be, of the constructive work for peace of Nehru of India---so a speaker who could authoritatively present an analysis of "India's Role for Peace" would be a good alternative.

Open dates at this writing are: Friday, February 18, 1955 and Friday, April 15, 1955 ---a special date might be arranged if desirable.

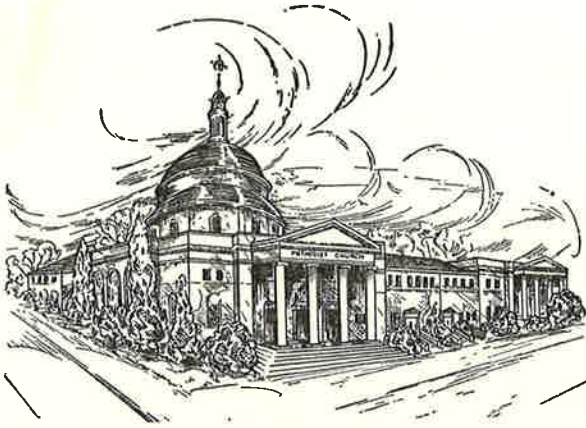
Our procedure is to open at 7:30 p.m. with an hour lecture followed by a question period.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Homer L. Bartchy
Homer L. Bartchy, Chairman
Adult Education Committee

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REV. ARTHUR E. SCHULTZ

Apr 14 —.

Dear Kirby:

It will be a joy to come
on May 18th. As to "leadership"
I feel more in need of invigoration
myself than able to give very
much to others. Some time I'd
like to have opportunity to
share the problems of this local
church with you. It is very
resistant!

Cordially
Frank



THE AMERICAN FRIEND

ERROL T. ELLIOTT
Editor

A FORTNIGHTLY QUAKER JOURNAL
RICHMOND, INDIANA

April 14, 1954

Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your contribution
of April 9 regarding "Prayer Retreats are
Power Houses." We shall use this in a
forthcoming issue of The American Friend,
although I am not certain just how soon.
Thank you very much for remembering us.

Sincerely,

Errol T. Elliott
Editor

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La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Thank you for sending your manuscript,
"Prayer Retreats are Power Houses" which
we shall study to see if there is any use
we can make of it in Presbyterian Life.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Drummond

Mrs. Braxton Drummond
Assistant to Mr. Cadigan

ED:bj

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APRIL 14, 1954

MR. KIRBY PAGE
POSTOFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

DEAR KIRBY,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TWO NOTES RECENTLY CONCERNING PRAYER RETREATS. I AM SO HAPPY TO HAVE THE OUTLINE ON A PRAYER RETREAT BECAUSE I AM LEADING ONE FOR OUR CONFERENCE RIGHT AFTER EASTER. THE REASON THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET OVER TO WHITTIER SO OFTEN IS BECAUSE I AM WORKING WITH OUR BOARD OF EVANGELISM ON THE PRAYER RETREATS IN OUR CONFERENCE. IT KEEPS ME PRETTY BUSY IN ADDITION TO THE WORK I HAVE IN MY LOCAL CHURCH. I DO KNOW THAT ONE OF OUR SINS IS BEING TOO BUSY BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO WHEN WE ARE PASTORS OF A CHURCH. I APPRECIATE SO MUCH GETTING YOUR MATERIALS FROM TIME TO TIME.

WHEN YOU WROTE ME SOON AFTER COMING TO RIVERSIDE, I WENT TO THE EDITOR AND TRIED TO GET YOUR COLUMN IN THE LOCAL PAPER AT THAT TIME. BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS HE COULD NOT DO IT BUT I AM GOING TO SEE HIM AGAIN IN A FEW DAYS HOPING HE WILL SEE HIS WAY CLEAR TO RUN SOME OF YOUR ARTICLES. THEY CERTAINLY ARE FINE. IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN.

SINCERELY,

Ed.

EER:FL

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April 14, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

I wish to acknowledge with warm thanks your thoughtfulness in sending us the short article entitled "Prayer Retreats Are Power Houses." It was good of you to think of THE METHODIST LAYMAN in connection with this article.

It will be given careful consideration for possible use in some later issue of our magazine.

Unfortunately, our limited budget does not permit us to make payment for MSS.

Cordially yours,

Shelby E. Southard
Editor

SES:lk

Anaheim 4/15/54

My Dear Kirby So
sorry you are to be
away. But I'm
coming back for
early May & will
hope to see you then
My address will be
J Adam Robertson
10402 Crescent
Anaheim
Calif

WOOLMAN HOUSE

1032 W. 36th ST.

Los Angeles 7, Calif.

April 15, 1954.

Dear Kirby,

We shall be glad to participate in the
April 20 th meeting in the Vermont Square Methodist
Church.

We very much wanted to attend the second meeting
at All Peoples Christian Church, but our Young People
group had a meeting that same evening at our home
and especially asked us to stay. We felt it was our
primary responsibility, so we decided to stay by it.

Best wishes.

Robert L. Linkin

BAPTIST MESSENGER

OKLAHOMA CITY 3, OKLAHOMA

JACK L GRITZ
Editor

April 15, 1954

Rev. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

We certainly appreciate your sending the article "Prayer Retreats Are Power Houses". In fact, we are honored to receive anything from you. Your reputation and ability are well known and it would be a privilege to carry something from your pen in our publication.

Unfortunately, we are a news type of publication and have very little space, in fact practically none, for articles and inspirational material. Therefore, I am returning your article enclosed in order that you might share it with someone who will be able to use it immediately.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Jack L. Gritz
Editor

JLG:me

Canoga Park
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P. O. Box 191
Canoga Park, California

April 15, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
BaHabra, California

Dear Kirby:


Thank you for your letter outlining possibilities
for prayer retreats, etc.

It happens that I am president of the West San Fernando Valley Ministerial Association this year. I will mention the possibility to the group at our next meeting after Easter. Also, to our sub-district Methodist group of ministers and wives.

This has been a busy but fruitful year **here**. Just hope that we can return another year--the will of God via the bishop and the district superintendents. We are about to move into a new parsonage at 7515 Jordan Avenue. Part of it has been constructed with a thought to having groups in for the "closer fellowship."

The best to you and Mrs. Page.

Yours sincerely,


C. L. Palmer

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April 16, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I want to answer your two recent letters to me and also let you know how our Spiritual Life Retreat went.

We did have a good Spiritual Life Retreat. I am sure it was not nearly what it would have been had you been able to be the leader; nevertheless, we did have an experience of real depth and meaning to all of us who were present.

I am making known your availability for prayer retreats. I do hope that some of our local church older youth groups and student groups make use of this opportunity.

The only comment I have, on the mimeographed outline which you made up for a prayer retreat, comes out of an experience we had last week. We found that a number of the youth were blocked in their experiences of prayer, because they were working on the basis of beliefs about God, or about themselves, which actually made prayer theoretically impossible and practically very difficult for them. Therefore, it became very necessary to spend some time in coming to understand what God is, and what man is and can be. Perhaps this should be a part of a prayer retreat. Otherwise, the outline you suggest seems very fine to me, although I admit that I am not really qualified to comment upon it.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas K. Farley

TKF jb

Signed in absence



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EDITORIAL OFFICE: BOX 871, NASHVILLE 2, TENNESSEE

April 16, 1964

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Thanks for sending your outline of Prayer Retreats.

I think that we ought to be able to use it, if you don't mind a couple of modifications in terms of student pastors, chaplains, etc. in place of pastors and ministerial associations.

It is interesting that now in some student centers the most widely attended and faithfully observed groups are prayer fellowships.

Best wishes to you personally,

Sincerely yours,


Roger Ortmayer

RO:MG

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RAYMOND L. EDIE, D. D.
Editor-Manager

April 17, 1954

Dear Dr. Page:

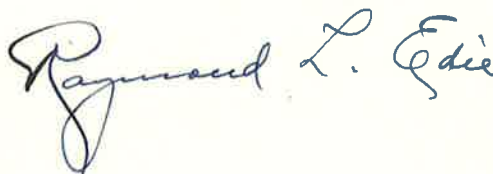
The United Presbyterian hereby acknowledges receipt of your letter of April 9, with an article on "Prayer Retreats Are Power Houses." I am hoping I may have information about the ashrams being held this summer, so that I may publish the schedule at the same time.

We shall plan to send you a copy of the paper in which your article appears.

Yours very sincerely,

RLE:ejs

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
LaHabra, Calif.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond L. Edie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'R'.

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Dr. Kirby Page.
La Habra Calif.

Dear Kirby -

I have been sick reason I have been
so slow in answering your letter.
Your "Suggested Exploration at a
Prayer Retreat." very very good.

So many retreats lack such a program.
Laymen need to spend more time in
prayer and also need to read more
good books.

And out of such a retreat they will
receive guidance.

You are doing a great work, helping
so many.

We were all better Christians after
being with you at the retreat.

Keep the good work up

Sincerely yours
Alpheus

262A Whitney Avenue
New Haven 11, Conn.
April 18, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra,
California

Dear Mr. Page:

I have pulled a boner! I wrote you yesterday to the effect that you had sent me the wrong pamphlet. I was wrong. After rechecking my books and pamphlets in preparation for taking them back to the Library, I discovered that you had sent me the correct pamphlet that I had requested. Please forgive my oversight.

Best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

Deane W. Ferm

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262A Whitney Avenue
New Haven 11, Conn.
April 18, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra,
California

Dear Mr. Page:

I thought that you might like to know that I have finished my dissertation on "Sherwood Eddy: Evangelist and YMCA Secretary", and that I expect to receive my Ph.D. this June. My main purpose in writing this letter is to thank you for all your courtesies in sending me material and in giving me advice. I am certain that my study of Sherwood Eddy would not have been as thorough without your assistance. I am very grateful to you.

Sometime ago I wrote you that I had misplaced the library copy of Sherwood Eddy's pamphlet: Jesus Christ: What Is His Significance? In your reply you sent me the wrong pamphlet (Victory or Temptation and How To Meet It.) I am wondering if you have an extra copy of the pamphlet which I have misplaced. If you have, I would appreciate having it, so that I can give it to the Library. I shall be conferring with Mr. Raymond P. Morris, the Librarian at the Yale Divinity School, soon concerning your offer to furnish pamphlets by Eddy which the Library does not have.

You may be interested in knowing that on September 1st I shall become the Director of the School of Religion at Montana State University in Missoula, Montana. This is getting out in your territory, and I wish that I might have the pleasure of meeting you sometime.

Thanks again for all your assistance.

Cordially yours,

Deane W. Ferm

Deane W. Ferm

Rt 1-3840 Skyline Road
Carlsbad, California

April 18, 1954

Dear Friends:

I hear good news from Olivia Davis that you will be our leader in meditation here next Saturday, April 24th between 10 and 4 o'clock.

I am so glad that you will be coming here. It is a great privilege for me. I am very glad to have my home used in this way.

The enclosed directions will perhaps make it easier to find this place. My telephone is Oceanside 3039 if you should want any other information.

Very sincerely

Gretchen Tuthill

yes, I plan
to experiment
along the line
of the Spiritual
Exploration. You
may list my
name as a
participating member

The Methodist Church
311 SOUTH BROADWAY
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

OSCAR M. NEWBY
MINISTER

OFFICE PHONE
5-5153

19 April 1954

Dear Kirby:

We look forward to your
being with us on April 26,
May 3, 10 & 17. Kay & I would
like to have you & Mrs Page
for dinner on the 26th - about
6³⁰. Also please rush a
couple of mats for newspaper
publicity. Thanks.

Sincerely
Oscar

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THE METHODIST WOMAN
MRS. C. A. MEEKER, EDITOR

150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 11, NEW YORK

April 19, 1954.

Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

As you may know, there is a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation in the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Therefore, before printing any article on that subject, I consult with the chairman of the committee. She will be in the city next week attending the Executive Committee meetings. That will give me a chance to talk with her about your contribution and relay word to you without too much delay.

Thank you for thinking of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. C. A. Meeker)
Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Editor
The Methodist Woman

REM/mb

April 19, 1954.

Dear Allan and Elizabeth:

Yesterday we had a fine visit with Marjorie Raitt, who is here on a short visit with her folks. I raised again with her the question of their devoting their full time to religious singing, and found her most responsive. There are these possibilities:

1. Sacred concerts in the churches of Southern California.
2. Television programs for the National Council of Churches and other religious agencies.
3. Religious films.

Without their knowledge I am sounding out ministers in various communities, as per the enclosed carbon. All this should be kept out of the papers, of course.

Confidentially, Marj tells me that the new play on Broadway is low and unworthy of John's talents. She is most eager to get him away from New York and back here in religious service.

We know that you will continue praying for them that they be guided into the right use of their wonderful voices and personalities.

In due time I am going to send John the replies that I receive, so please send me a letter about your convictions for their lives, especially about the proposed sacred concerts.

Some of these days when the pressure is less heavy on you, we must get together for an unhurried visit.

A ffectionately,

April 19, 1954.

Dear Dr. Blake:

Yesterday I had a good talk with Marjorie Raitt. She is eager to have John come back to California and devote himself to religious singing. Without her knowledge, I am taking soundings along three lines:

1. Sacred concerts here in Southern California, as per the enclosed carbon.
2. Religious films.
3. Televisionsion programs for the National Council of Churches and other religious agencies.

There is some reason to think that John would eager for such a combination. Marj says that he would be willing to do television work for the National Council of Churches regularly without payment. She is reconciled to a much smaller income than they have been receiving, and most of this could probably be derived from sacred concerts. At least I am attempting to find out some of the possibilities.

I know that you are very fond of John and will do everything you can to open doors for him. It would be helpful to me at this end if you could pass on any suggestions that occur to you.

Cordially,

P. O. Box 651
Yucaipa, Calif.
April 19, 1954

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Page:

Some questions arise concerning your offer to have retreat parties at your home. Do we bring our own sustenance? Do we fast? Or do you serve light rations? If the latter, what is the price per plate?

Our pastor, Darrel McCorkell, of the Methodist church here, has appointed me to find out these details.

I have just listened to Hazel Sellars read the information from you, which just reached her today.

Our study of your "Will of God" for today is the section Trust in the revelation of God, which is what you spoke of in one of your talks at the State St. Christian Ch at Redlands recently. Last Monday it was Commitment. What better topic could we have had for passion week?

God bless you in all your work.

In His Love,
(Mrs) Anna Grace Donnel

April 19, 1954.

Dear Russell:

The other day I sent a short article to The Christian Advocate, the theme of which has gripped me, and I covet an opportunity to discuss it with a small group of ministers.

The idea is this: Let a minister arrange on successive weeks Spiritual Life Retreats, in which be gathered, in groups of 20 to 40 at a time, as high a percentage of the entire membership of his church as can be persuaded to come - say on Saturdays from 20 to 9, or Sundays from 2 to 9. Each of these Retreats to be under the leadership of the Minister and several mature members of the congregation.

When the group is assembled concentrate upon two questions:
1. What is right in God's sight for the individual in personal relations, and what is right for citizens in their corporate capacity? 2. How do we turn on God's power in personal relationships and in group affairs?

If you think it worth while to explore this idea, could you take the initiative in calling together at some central place, for breakfast from 7:30 to 10, such persons as Ray Ragsdale, Fred Trotter, Morgan Edwards, Frank Toothaker, Owen Geer, Clark Robbins, Max Chamberlin, Keith Kanaga, and other Methodists you select?

If you want to talk with me on the phone, my new number is Oxford ~~724xx~~ 760-44.

Cordially,



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April 19, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I was truly pleased to receive the material which you sent me outlining a procedure for prayer retreats. Some of these things we have employed in our ministerial retreats under the Board of Evangelism. Each of the items seem to me to be very important.

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your note. Events leading up to Easter and the fact that I am leaving tomorrow for a two weeks Mission in Hawaii have made it very easy for me to procrastinate on my part.

I was so glad that you were able to go to Cedar Glen for our Older Youth Spiritual Life Retreat last week. I suggested your name to the committee and was so happy to know that you were able to go.

When I return from the Islands I would like very much to have a chance to visit you and talk at length concerning the prayer retreats. It is one of my major interests and I feel it tremendously necessary for the minister.

God bless you for all the good you are doing and for the blessing you have been to my own life.

Cordially yours,


G. Byron Deshler

GBD:mw

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FIRST & COMMONWEALTH ATLantic 9-4106 ALHAMBRA, CALIF.

April 20, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your fine letter concerning prayer retreats in your home. Yours is a generous offer and one in keeping with your fruitful and outreaching life.

I shall be leaving for three weeks in Honolulu very soon, but will be looking forward to some experience with you later on, following my return.

Sincerely,



Russell J. Prentice

RJP:gc

The
CHURCHMAN

118 EAST 28th STREET, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

MURRAY HILL 9-8040

April 20, 1954.

Dear Kirby Page:

Because the lift which you and others gave in creating its 150th Anniversary number, The Churchman, it tells me, feels a century and a half younger!

I am happy to report also, that the staff has had the same reaction. I assure you that you have our warmest thanks for your gracious cooperation.

A copy of the Anniversary number has gone to you under separate cover.

Very cordially yours,

Shipler

Guy Emery Shipler
EDITOR.

Kirby Page,
La Habra,
Calif.

*Thanks for your
MS which I shall
use —*



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CHAPMAN COLLEGE
766 N. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles 29, Calif.

April 20, 1954

May 14 or 21

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

Your letter concerning a prayer retreat reached me yesterday. It is something of which I think would be of great help to our college students. As yet we have made no plans but I am considering two approaches. One, to recruit a select group of twenty or thereabouts, excepting your invitation to meet in your home preferably for an afternoon and evening session. Two, to have you come to the college, possibly to speak to our entire student body. Then conduct the retreat here on the campus during the afternoon and evening. The most acceptable time for the students would possibly be a weekend, Friday or possibly Saturday.

I will be most happy to hear from you regarding these two suggestions as well as possible dates on which you might come within the next few weeks.

Thank you very much for making possible these prayer retreats.

Sincerely yours,

Willard F. Learned

Willard F. Learned
College Chaplain


WFL/ss

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May 29, 1954

Dear Kirby: This letter has just now come to my attention. I have been in Mexico visiting our Congregational Churches, schools and social centers. My answer, I know is too late for your purposes. However, our church schedule would not permit the inclusion of special music as suggested. Our forum which runs from October through March does not include music either. HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THE FINE ARTICLES OF YOURS AND DAILY DEVOTIONS in THE ADVANCE, our Congregational bi-monthly. Thank you.

Your friend,


John H. Gregg
2131 Van Ness Blvd.
Fresno 4, California

April 20, 1954.

Dear John:

This letter is about John and Marjorie Raitt. As you may know, our daughter Mary is the wife of Walt Raitt, John's brother. Thus my deep interest in John and Marjorie.

For a long time they have been thinking of devoting their full time to religious singing, but have not been sure that they could earn a livelihood in this way. The purpose of this inquiry is to get your judgment about the possibility of your church arranging a sacred concert for them if they become available next fall or winter. Since their voices can be used in full length concerts only a limited number of times in a season, would a combined honorarium of \$250 per evening appear reasonable to you? Of course, this is much less than artists of their ability and reputation usually receive.

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It would be helpful if I could have your judgment within the next two weeks.

Cordially,



Box 247, La Habra, California

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April 21, 1954

Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

It was awfully kind of you to invite Etta and me to share in leading the prayer retreat on Sunday, May 23.

We are terribly sorry we cannot accept, but this comes right in the middle of Eddy Asirvatham's schedule and we simply must accompany Eddy at that time.

We are hoping to see our way clear to come to see you, but our most recent tragedy has been Janice's coming down with the chicken-pox and exposing the other two children. We also learned the other day that David was exposed to the measles, so we may have a few weeks of complications before things straighten out again.

Kindest person regards to you and Alma.

Ever cordially yours,

Robert S. Vogel

Peace Education Secretary

RSV:sl

P.S. I am enclosing a letter which we received recently from Homer L. Bartchy, Chairman of the Adult Education Committee of the Community Congregational Church, asking for your services next February or April. The letter is self-explanatory.

RSV

WHITTIER COLLEGE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 21, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page
P.O.Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby Page:

It is good to have your letter of March 31 and to
pass the word of its content around quite generally.
And thank you very much.

Cordially,



Paul S. Smith
President

PSS:ar

First Methodist Church Anapamu at Garden - Santa Barbara, Calif.

Will M. Hildebrand, Minister

April 21, 1954

Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Rollin Quimby is setting up
the prayer retreat and will be in touch
with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Will M. Hildebrand', followed by a period.

WMH:R

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Homer L. Bartchy
Community Church
Pacoima, California

Dear Homer Bartchy:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 14th which has been turned over to me for reply.

We are sending your letter, with enclosures, to Dr. Page who is making his own schedule at this time. If he is not available at the time you wish, ~~he~~ ^{we} might be able to find someone else.

I might add that when we have engaged speakers like Dr. Page, or have brought speakers to this region from other parts of the world, when travel and honorarium costs are involved, we have generally asked for the permission to receive an offering for the work of the American Friends Service Committee. We try to be sensitive to the needs of those lecturers who rely on their speaking and writing for their income. Since Dr. Page comes in this category, I know he would appreciate it if your church could see fit to assist him in his work to a greater measure than you have offered in your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert S. Vogel
Peace Education Secretary

RSV:sl

cc: (blind) Kirby Page

April 22, 1954.

Dear Mr. Tucker:

This letter is about John and Marjorie Raitt. As you may know, our daughter Mary is the wife of Walt Raitt, John's brother. Thus my deep interest in John and Marjorie.

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It would be helpful if I could have your judgment within the next two weeks.

Cordially,

Box 247, La Habra, California

April 22, 1954.

Dear Wes:

If this proposal seems important to you, will you take the initiative in calling together within the next few days ten or twelve of our ministers to discuss it, and perhaps to prepare a communication to be sent at once to The Christian Evangelist.

Please call me on the phone - Oxford 760-44 if you agree that the matter is urgent. I can be reached on Friday morning before 9, and in the afternoon after three.

Prayerfully,

April 24, 1954.

Dear Friends:

This letter is being sent to the following persons:

Gene Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles
Helen Beardsley, Congregationalist
Russell Clay, First Methodist Church, Whittier
Olivia Davis, Society of Friends
Wesley Ford, Central Christian Church, Pasadena
Allan Hunter, Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church
Ray Ragsdale, Westwood Methodist Church, Los Angeles
Fred Trotter, First Methodist Church, Alhambra

My suggestion is ^{that} ~~the~~ nine of us, plus a Presbyterian and an Episcopalian to be selected, collaborate on a 96-page pamphlet and publish it collectively, under some such title as: THE WILL OF GOD - How Do We Find It and Get Power To Do It? If this idea commends itself to you, the group should get together for an all-day examination of the possibilities and for the division of responsibility for rough drafts of various sections, to be followed by individual consideration of these draft proposals, and a further all-day conversation, after which an editing committee of three should prepare the manuscript for publication.

If we could do this work with sufficient thoroughness, there would be a great advantage in having the pamphlet off the press by early September. This would mean sending the manuscript to the printer at the end of July.

If we decide to proceed, in the ~~meantime~~ ^{meantime} each of us could give serious thought to the type of pamphlet ^{which} would be most helpful, and be prepared for the discussion at the first meeting.

Cordially,

Please tear off and mail - after checking each line

Yes No

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Friday, June 4

Saturday, June 5

Suggested Presbyterian

Suggested Episcopalian

April 24, 1954.

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If we decide to proceed, in the meantime each of us could give serious thought to the type of pamphlet which would be most helpful, and be prepared for the discussion at the first meeting.

Cordially,

Kirby

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Friday, May 28	Yes✓	No
Saturday, May 29		✓
Friday, June 4	✓	
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with you on this.
Ray*

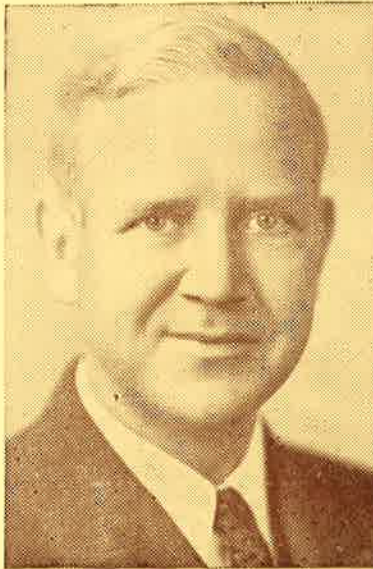
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Dr. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
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Dear Kirby:

Thank you very much for your note of April 23rd inviting me to attend the meeting in your home on May 8th even though I cannot be there on the 15th. I very greatly appreciate that although I do not know that an exception ought to be made in my case. However, since you and Russell both feel that I ought to be there, I shall certainly plan to be present.

Cordially,



Frank S. Williams

FSW:dm

Chapman College
766 North Vermont Avenue
LOS ANGELES 29, CALIF.

April 27, 1954

Dear Mr Page:

Our schedule here at the
college does not permit either May
14 or 21. I regret this very much.

It will be necessary for us
to determine another date.

I have called Rev. Wes

Ford.

Sincerely & thanks.

Willard F. Learned.

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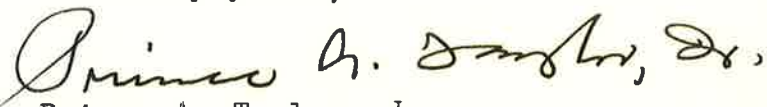
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Dear Doctor Page:

Please let me express to you our deep appreciation for your article entitled "Prayer Retreats Are Power Houses." It will make a real contribution to the Central Christian Advocate, and I shall be happy to carry it.

Sincerely yours,


Prince A. Taylor, Jr.
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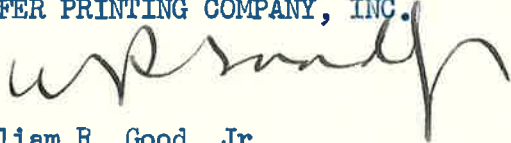
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April 27, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
LaHabra, California.

Dear Dr. Page:

I want to thank you for your good letter of April 19th with its enclosure. Let me say that I fully share your interest in John and Marjorie's future and had been conscious, through correspondence with Walt, that he was concerned about that future. I want to assure you that I am anxious that he shall not drift away from the very real Christian dedication that he has held on to through these years in show business.

I raise a couple of questions, however, about your plans.

(1) There is no question that part of John's usefulness in religious singing depends upon the fact that he is known as a Broadway singer. It is very dangerous for any of us to advise him to move into the religious field exclusively when we might find that his usefulness will be successively less there if he left the secular field.

(2) I am not at all certain that either John or Marjorie are ready to give up, but I know he has long hoped to put himself in a position where he could support himself by general rather than specifically sacred concerts. I shall certainly, however, be glad to talk to John and Marjorie the first opportunity I have and am certainly happy to have the background of your thinking.

Cordially yours,

Eugene C. Blake

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Dear Dr. Page:

We have enjoyed your weekly sermonette very much but in recasting of our Saturday Church page somewhat I am under obligation and have the opportunity concerning a local minister as a contributor, and this is to inform you, somewhat regretfully, that we will not be able to publish your column after May 8th.

I repeat that we have enjoyed your column and appreciate deeply the dependability and punctuality about it. I won't labor the point that we don't have need or space for two excellent preachers in our Saturday Church page.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, Calif.
28 April 1954.



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April 29, 1954

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Mr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I talked to Willard Learned this morning, who says he has written you indicating that neither the 14th or the 21st is a satisfactory date at the College. Hence we are in the clear. I discover that our Southern California minister's meeting is on Tuesday, May 11th. Therefore I feel we would get a better response if we meet a different week. On this basis, I will send invitations the first of next week inviting a group of our ministers to meet at your home Friday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

I still have time for a reply from you before I will send the letters. What do you say about the lunch. Do we provide some or shall the cost be shared? What is best? Can you provide information concerning how to reach your home? I will enclose a card for a reply which I presume should be sent to you.

The other letter is here concerning the pamphlet. I appreciate being among those considered. My difficulty is the same as that of other men--finding time. I would prefer a Friday rather than Saturday but this may not be true for others.

Cordially yours,


Wesley P. Ford

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April 29th

Dear Kirby and Alma

Now David has the "post."

Next week is Jonnie's turn!

Would it be convenient for
you to put me up overnight on
Thursday, May 6th. I have a
meeting of the Whittier Institute
Committee on Thursday night and
must be in Fullerton by 10:00 on
May 7th.

In fellowship.

Bob Vogel.

To: Ruby + Alma Page

[illegible]

Friday June two 4th would
suit me best - The other dates
may not be possible - There is
a chance of the 28th being all right - I
don't know how helpful I could be - This
seems such an individual matter -
Best wishes & many thanks for
last Saturday - Olivia

April 29
Corona del Mar.

Dear Kirby:

Thanks for the letter of Mar. 31. I should
like to join a minister's Prayer Retreat at your
home on Mondays or Tuesdays if one is started.

I remember, with delight, the one we
had when you were preparing "Now Is the
Time to Prevent —" It was wonderful.

Please, let me know if a retreat is
in progress or will be.

Sincerely
Paul Babbitt

April 30, 1954

Dear Kirby Page:

Thank you ever so much for your "face."
We are running it, as the telegram of
a few days ago suggested, on the cover
of our June issue, since that issue carries
your slight piece on prayer retreats.
We're calling it simply, POWER HOUSES.
It's a clear, interesting piece. Thanks
for sending it along.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Collette Schlatter". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Collette Schlatter
Ass't Editor

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April 30, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby,

None of the three men I contacted feel they are able to give the two Saturdays and the entire number of hours each Saturday for the meeting, with Conference coming as close as it is. However you can depend on me to be there for both sessions.

Very cordially yours,

Gerald

Gerald B. Harvey

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